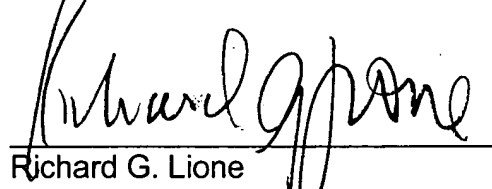


**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner grant early allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the applicant(s) representative for the Applicants via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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